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SELECTORS FOR WDM OPTICAL)
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please
amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:
Page 1, line 5, after "is", insert --a continuation of U.S.
Patent Application Serial No. 09/793,645, which is a continuation
of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/428,420, now patent
6,233,077, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application
Serial No. 08/955,058, filed October 21, 1997, now abandoned

which is a CIP of Serial No. 08/669,049, filed June 24, 1996, now patent 5,715,076, which is a CIP of 08/624,269, filed March 29, 1996, now patent 5,726,784, which is a CIP of 08/438,844, filed May 11, 1995, now patent 5,504,609--.

Please add the following paragraph after page 11, line 16:

--Optionally, the remodulator can include means for reduction of non-linear effects, such as stimulated Brillouin scattering (SBS), in the optical communication system. Suitable device and techniques for reduction of non-linear effects which can be employed in the optical communication system of the present invention are described in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,116,821, 5,200,964, 5,257,124 and 5,295,209, incorporated by reference herein.--